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# REPORT

OF THE

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

OF THE

#### CONNECTICUT TEMPERANCE SOCIETY

PRESENTED TO THE SOCIETY.

AT ITS

## THIRD ANNIVERSARY,

IN NEW-HAVEN,

MAY 16, 1832.

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there should be no errors. Doubtless there are many; though much pains have been taken to state facts only. It is hoped that the discovery of a small or even great error, will not blind the mind, and cause any individual to look with suspicion and unbelief upon all that is doing for the amelioration of the condition of the human race.

#### HISTORY OF THE SOCIETY.

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THE CONNECTICUT TEMPERANCE SOCIETY, was formed at Hartford, May 20, 1829, in a Convention of Delegates from the various Temperance Societies in the State. The following Constitution was unanimously adopted:

- ART. 1. This Society shall be called the "Connecticut Temperance Society;" and shall be auxiliary to the American Temperance Society.
- ART. 2. Any person subscribing this Constitution, shall be a member; and all members of auxiliary societies shall be considered members of this Society.
- ART. 3. The members of this Society, believing that the use of intoxicating liquors is, for persons in health, not only unnecessary, but hurtful, and that it is the cause of forming intemperate appetites and habits; and, that while it is continued, the evils of intemperance can never be prevented,—do therefore agree, that we will abstain from the use of distilled spirits, except as a medicine in case of bodily hurt or sickness; and that we will not allow the use of them in our families, nor provide them for the entertainment of our friends, or for persons in our employment, and that in all suitable ways, we will discountenance the use of them in the community.
- ART. 4. All Temperance Societies in the State, adopting, in substance, these principles, may be auxiliary to this Society, by forwarding to the Secretary their Constitution, a list of their members and officers, and making an annual report of their proceedings, and a return of new members.
- ART. 5. The officers of this Society shall be a President, eight Vice Presidents, an Executive Committee, a Secretary and Treasurer, and shall be chosen annually.
- ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the President, or in his absence, of the 1st Vice President present, to preside at all meetings of the Society, and to call special meetings at the request of the Executive Committee.
- ART. 7. The Executive Committee shall consist of eight, including the Secretary and Treasurer. They shall have a general superintendance of the concerns of the Society; procure public meetings of different kinds to call the attention of the community to the evils of Intem-

perance, their causes and remedies; publish and circulate books, pamphlets and handbills, and other writings on the subject; secure as far as practicable the co-operation of the medical faculty, the public press, and the public teachers of religion; form Temperance Associations among various descriptions of persons; collect and exhibit statistical and other information; endeavor to call the attention of rulers and magistrates to the subject; employ such agent or agents as they may think proper; take measures to raise funds, and be authorized to draw on the Treasurer for all expenses.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to record all the proceedings of the Society; to keep a list of all the members; to act as General Agent for the Society through the State, and promote in every possible way its interests; and to report annually to the Society, an account of all his proceedings, the general state of the cause of Temperance, and the number of members belonging to the Society.

ART. 9. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys which may from time to time, be given for the use of the Society, to pay them out at the order of the Executive Committee, and make an annual report of the state of the Treasury.

ART. 10. There shall be an annual meeting of the Society on the third Wednesday in May, at the place of the sitting of the Legislature. Arrangements to be made by the Executive Committee.

ART. 11. This Constitution may be altered by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting.

Officers chosen at the adoption of the Constitution.

PRESIDENT.

REV. JEREMIAH DAY, D. D. LL. D. VICE PRESIDENTS.

Rev. T. C. BROWNELL, D. D. LL. D. Hon. JOHN COTTON SMITH, LL. D. Mon. ROGER M. SHERMAN, ELI IVES, M. D. NEHEMIAH HUBBARD, Esq. WM. P. GREENE, Esq. Gen. STEPHEN F. PALMER.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

REV. CALVIN CHAPIN, D. D. REV. PROF. C. A. GOODRICH, SETH TERRY, Esq. REV. BENJAMIN M. HILL, REV. JOEL H. LINSLEY, SAMUEL J. HITCHCOCK, Esq.

SECRETARY.

REV. JOHN MARSH.

TREASURER.

FRANÇIS PARSONS, Esq.

In the evening of the day on which the Society was formed, a public meeting was held in the Centre Church, which was attended by a large body of the citizens, and many of the members of the Legislature then in session, and ably addressed by C. J. M'Curdy, Esq. a member of the Legislature, and the Rev. Nathaniel Hewitt, agent of the American The object of the Society was to embody in Temperance Society. one, the numerous Temperance Societies which were springing up in various parts of the state; to promote union, and harmony, and action among them; and to be, with other State Societies, a powerful auxiliary to the American Temperance Society, in its mighty undertakings. its first Anniversary, held in New-Haven, May 19, 1830, it was found that the cause of the Society had gained a wonderful hold on the public There had been formed a County Society in each county in the State, and 172 associations in cities, towns, and parishes, which were auxiliary to the county societies, and which embraced 22,532 members, who had given their pledge of entire abstinence. To give a still greater impulse to the cause, (as the Secretary could not from his professional engagements, act, as the constitution required, as General Agent through the State,) the Society appointed Daniel Frost, Jr. Esq a gentleman of the Bar in Windham county, who had entered with much zeal into the cause, to that office, requesting him, as means should be afforded, to go through the State and address the inhabitants of all our towns on the deleterious effects of ardent spirits A public meeting was held in the Centre Church, which was ably addressed by Mr. Frost, the Hon. Timothy Pitkin, the Hon. R. M. Sherman, and his Honor Judge Daggett.

The second year of the Society's operations, through its friends and auxiliaries, were spirited and successful. About 536 dollars were contributed to the support of Mr. Frost, who labored with much popularity and efficiency in various parts of the State. At the second anniversary at Hartford, it was found that 20 new societies had been formed, and that the number of members had risen to 29,748, giving an increase for the year of 7,216. A great diminution was reported in the use of ardent spirits, and considerable in the manufacture and sale. Mr. Frost was re-appointed agent. At the public meeting, a sermon was preached by

the Rev. Dr. Hewitt.

The Society had now, it was conjectured by many, reached its acme. All, it was said, had joined who ever would join. And there were people, who, from their manner of life, or bodily constitution, never had occasion for much spirituous liquor. But it now appears, at the third anniversary, to have continued to advance, and enlist thousands more from all the departments of society. Twelve new societies have been formed, and an increase of 12,450 members, has been gained in the last year, making the whole number of members of the society 42,298.—About 560 dollars were raised the last year for the support of Mr. Frost, who devoted as much of his time as the sum would warrant, to the cause in the State. As the professional and other duties of the Secretary demanded his time, Mr. Marsh resigned, reluctantly, his office, and Mr. Frost was appointed to it, that he might fulfil all its original duties, as Secretary and General Agent.

The following gentlemen were appointed Officers of the Society for

the year ensuing:

JEREMIAH DAY, D. D. LL D. President. Hon. JOHN COTTON SWITH, LL. D. REV. CALVIN CHAPIN, D D. HON. ROGER M. SHERMAN, Vice DOCT. ELI IVES, Presidents. REV. WILBUR FISK, D. D. DARIUS MATTHEWSON, Esq. BLISHA STEARNS. Esq. WM. P. GREENE, E-q. REV. NATHANIEL HEWITT, D. D.) MR. JAMES BREWSTER, PROF. C. A GOODRICH, Executive REV. JOEL H. LINSLEY, Committee. SETH TERRY, Esq. REV. JOHN MARSH, DANIEL FROST, JR. Esq. Secretary. FRANCIS PARSONS, Esq. Treusurer.

The public meeting at the Centre Church was addressed by Mr Frost, Rev. Leonard Bacon, Dr. Hewitt. and Judge Daggett.

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Connecticut Temperance Society in account with F. Parsons, Treasurer. \ DR.

To Cash paid Daniel Frost, Jr., Esq., for 5 months 1832, May 16. and 23 days' service as Agent of the Society, at 75 dollars per month, \$433 28 To do. for his expenses, postage, &c.

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CR. 1832, May 16. By contributions from friends of temperance in 5 00 West Hartland, 5 00 \$10 00 Lebanon, Goshen, Middletown, 5 00 Salmon Brook, 3 40 15 00 Lebanon, Wallingford, 10 00 50 Collinsville, **20** 00 Exeter, New Haven, 5 00 4 00 Canton, Jewett City, 5 00 North Guilford, 5 00 5 00 Burlington, 12 00 Griswold, Waterbury, East-Avon, 5 00 . 24 85 6~00Litchfield, Madison. 6 00 Wintonbury, 5 00 5 00 South Farms, Northford, West Hartford, 10 00 11 00 5 00 Bethlem, Meriden, 10 00 5 00 New Britain, Watertown, 5 00 Woodbridge, 7 00 East Windsor, 5 00 Woodbury, North-Killingworth, 4 00 5 00 Glastenbury, 10 50Warren, 4 00 North Branford, 7 00 3 42 Torringford, Marlborough, 5 00 North Haven, 7 00 East Hartford, 10 10 5 00 Plymouth, Hamden, 5 00 5 00 Newington, Winchester, 5 00 Whitneyv:lle, 5 56 5 00 Worthington, Winsted, 10 00 Humphreysville, 5 00 5 00 Windsor, Colebrook, 4 00 Prospect, East Stafford, 10 00 9 00 5 00 Norfolk, Guilford, Willington, 9 00 S. Canaan, 8 00 Thompson, Stonington Point, 10 .00 Salisbury, 5 00 3 00 Pomfret Factory, 5 00 Franklin, 22 00 6 50 Sharon, Killingly, 5 00 4 00 Lisbon. Northfield, 10 00 Norwich, 5 00 Derby, 10 00 Norwich Falls, \$484 83 8 00 15 00 Simsbury, North Stonington, 5 00 East Hartland, 5 00 Hanover, Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS PARSONS. Treasurer.

HARTFORD, May 16, 1832. N. B.—Due Mr. Frost on account.

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#### THIRD REPORT

OF THE

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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The past year has furnished abundant evidence that the cause in which the Society is engaged, is the cause of God, and will ultimately effect the benevolent object it has in view. The same system of measures to carry it forward, has been pursued in this as in former years. Daniel Frost, Jr. Esq. your popular and successful Agent, has been sustained in the field about five months, and has addressed all the Societies in Litchfield and Hartford counties, and several in other parts of the State. In addition to the regular monthly meetings of the town and county societies, district meetings have been held in many parishes, with great effect. Temperance newspapers and tracts have been more extensively circulated than in former years, and the excellent National Circular has been fast finding its way into every family in the The experience of abstinence men has spoken loudly to all their neighbors in favor of the economy, healthfulness, safety and happiness, of their course; and they themselves have advanced with increased boldness, upon the demon intemperance, in all his haunts.— The action too, of other States, especially of the State of New-York, and the advancement of the cause in foreign countries, have been powerful upon our population; and we must have been indeed, spell-bound by the poison, not to have made since the last anniversary, great progress.

Your committee urged the Town Societies to hold their anniversaries in March, and the County Societies to hold their's in April, that a full report from each County in the State, might be transmitted to them before your meeting in May. It is believed that this recommendation has been generally complied with. While your Committee would feel grateful to those who have furnished them with the facts which they now lay before you, they regret to say that with some Temperance officers there is a strange apathy on this subject, which has prevented a report of more value than they are able to present. A mighty and beautiful river cannot flow forth without its thousand tributary streams.

### MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

Society organized Sept. 21, 1828. CHARLES GRISWOLD, Esq. President.

CLARK NOTT, Esq.
NEHEMIAH HUBBARD, Esq.
F. G. COMSTOCK, Esq.
Col. D. WHITE,
Rev. P. BROCKET,
Dea. JONATHAN HUNTINGTON,
SAMUEL SILLIMAN,

Vice Presidents.

Rev. WILLIAM CASE, Secretary. CLARK NOTT, Esq. Treasurer.

This Society was the first County Temperance Society organized in the State. It bears date six months prior to the State Society. vious to its organization, says the Secretary in his report, the use of distilled liquors as an auxiliary to labor and an article of refreshment, was not more customary and general in any section of the State than in this County. In addition to its sea-coast, the County is intersected for its whole length by the Connecticut river. Its advantages for commerce and the consequent employment of its inhabitants were so many tacilities for the introduction and general use of the liquid poison. Every tide setting in from the ocean came freighted with it; every wharf received it amid the portentous rejoicings of those who loved The first efforts were made under a strong conviction that something must be done, and under a deep sense of dependence on God for success. No cause was ever more assailed, and none ever more successful. On issuing the Constitution, it was asserted that 500 men pledged to entire abstinence, would drive the monster from our bounds. The enquiry was started with trembling. Can they not be had? 600 were soon enlisted, through whose exertions, at the end of the first year, the Society numbered over two thousand, males and females. additions during the second year, were rising 1,500; and during the third, a little short of 1,000, making the present number of members of the Society 4460. The Society has sixteen Auxiliaries. Associations in Middletown, and some Methodist Associations, embracing from 5 to 600 members, are not auxiliary; and many in the County practice on the principle of the Society who have not given their pledge; so that it may safely be said that 6,000 persons within the limits of the Society, will neither manufacture, purchase, vend nor use distilled liquors. And it is not the least gratifying feature in the present state of the Society, that there are among its consistent members, from four to five hundred children and youth who, from enlightened views and feelings, have declared eternal hatred to the common foe of man.

Besides this, the Secretary gives in his report, the following general statistics gathered from the returns of fourteen Associations, which, while highly encouraging, will guard against overrating past success and relaxing future efforts. 12 fisheries, out of 48: about one quarter of

the stone quarries; 17 vessels, out of 45; 170 factories and mechanic shops, out of 330, and 5 militia companies at muster, out of 21, have wholly abandoned the use of ardent spirits. 45 stores out of 93, do not sell the poison. A few taverns are kept on Temperance principles. In Lyme, containing 20 stores, no licenses for selling spirituous liquors, have this year been granted. In Hadlyme, containing three stores, no ardent spirits have been sold for three years. One large gin distillery continues to be run in the County; and one old rum distillery is, it is said, about to be re-established. Of several hundred common drunkards, the hopeful reformation of only 25 is reported. Many instances of partial reform are mentioned, and the guilt of all relapses is charged on those who still sell and use the poison. In ship-yards the destructive article is still extensively used. Of 1,300 farms, near 400 are conducted without ardent spirits. Only 5 physicians out of 28, encourage at all its ordinary use. Of 3,092 members of Congregational churches, 1,595, but little more than HALF!! are enrolled on the principle of entire abstinence. All the members of the congregational church in Hadlyme, and of the strict congregational church in North Lyme, have given their pledge. And several other churches have within a small fraction, reached this desirable point. Of 542 members of the Baptist churches, 176 have given their pledge. Many of the members of the Methodist church consider no other pledge necessary or called for, than an assent to their articles. Others view something more essential at the present time, and have united with this Society and are efficient members, while some, to the number of 5 or 600, have temperance associations by themselves.

From these facts, says the Secretary, it is evident that the work is not done. Agriculture, commerce and the arts, and every branch of human industry, yet suffer from the desolating scourge. Nor are the churches free. They are but beginning to emerge from the night of drunkenness, and put on the armour of light. In every department of life, the ground already gained is strenuously disputed by the enemy. An organized influence setting in with the current of depraved inclinations, yet resists the reform so happily commenced, and urges its abet-

There appears to be no want of light upon the subject in this County. The monthly meetings of Town and County Societies have been well-sustained, and able addresses have been delivered by some of the first advocates of temperance. An unusual number of temperance papers and tracts have been circulated. The Temperance Agent receives patronage and is handed from neighbor to neighbor with much effect. And the Society have voted to place the National Circular in every family within its limits. The Secretary therefore well remarks, The sins of making, vending and using the poison, are no longer to be regarded as sins of ignorance. Men now rush upon the guilt and dangers of commerce in the article, in the midst of open day, and benevolence is compelled to weep over instances of moral dereliction of this very sort, in the pale of the Christian Church. While some in almost every

association have abandoned the traffic as of immoral and unchristian tendency, others, and men too professing godfiness, still continue it, and in this particular, oppose their influence against one of the most useful reforms ever commenced; against the purity of the church; against the saving influence of the Gospel, and against that Saviour

who died on the cross, to make an end of sin.

The Secretary closes his report with a solemn appeal to all the followers of the Lord Jesus. If this cause, says he, is to be, and who can say it is not, one principal means of bringing forward the predicted day of glory and gladness to the Church, its support and advancement are a point of Christianity, from which no temporal considerations afford even a momentary release. It demands immediately, the influence and support of every Christian. It invites to sacrifice, if that can be called a sacrifice, which duty to God and man imperiously demands. When no Christian shall manufacture, sell or use that which destroys for time and eternity, then will the work of destruction from this source cease. An immense tide of moral evil will be stayed, and if its desolations do not wholly cease, they will be greatly circumscribed,-if widows and orphans do not cease to be made, the guilt of causing the untold miseries will cease to roll back upon the church; and the blood of thousands. slain by intoxicating drinks, will cease to cry out of the ground against those who have been bought with a price, and have solemnly sworm that they, whatever others do, will not do evil that good may come.

#### AUXILIARIES.

MIDDLETOWN, Nehemiah Hubbard, Esq. President, G. M. Boardman, Secretary. 367 members; 176 males, 191 females. Methodist Association, 210 members.

Westfield Society, 157 members; 57 males, 93 females.

Upper Houses Society, Dr. R. Warner, President, 140 members;

56 males, 84 females:

Middlefield Society, 50 members. Whole number in Middletown, 917.—Here are 68 factories and mechanics' shops, 28 of which are conducted without spirits—8 physicians all discourage their use—28 grocery stores, 5 of which sell none. The progress in this city and its suburbs has been rapid and gratifying. A very great diminution in the amount of importations and sales has been experienced. In Westfield are no stores, tippling shops or distilleries.

Chatham, Doct. Isaac Smith, President, Eleazer B. White, Secretary. 160 members; 63 males, 97 females. Here are 4 stores and 4 taverns. No store and only one tavern that does not sell the poison. Common drunkards 40. Deaths amongst this class as 1 to 10 in a year. No active opposition from members of the congregational church. Converts have generally given their pledge; few members of other

churches are enrolled.

East-Hampton, F. G. Comstock, President, Warren A. Skinner,

Secretary. 118 members; 51 males, 67 females. No report received from this association.

Middle-Haddam, Danforth Turner, President, Edward Root, Secretary. 150 members; 75 males, 75 females. Half the factories are conducted without ardent spirits—2 new buildings have been reared without—5 stores; 3 of which do not sell. More than half of the congregational church enrolled. Some members in all the churches oppose. Converts have promptly given their pledge.

East-Haddam, Isaac Chapman, Esq. President, ————, Secretary. 144 members; 58 males, 86 females. No answer to the circular issued. The past a year of apathy—to be succeeded, it is hoped,

by a great increase of courage and effort.

Haddam, Jenathan Huntington, Esq. President, Doct. Benjamin H. Catlin, Secretary. 222 members; 94 males, 128 females. Increase, Here are 33 factories and mechanics' shops, of which 13 are worked without. In the number rejecting the poison, are all the most extensive factories. Of 107 quarrymen, 65 use no spirits. 2 vessels are sailed without. The article is in part excluded from trainings. taverners sell. 2 out of 9 stores do not. Less than half of the congregational church is enrolled. 2 physicians are active members of the Society. The society has exerted a happy influence. The owner of one of the principal quarries has paid for spirits, \$100 a year for 30 years. The sum at compound interest to the end of the term, would have amounted to \$7905 81. For two years this quarry has been worked entirely without spirits, and experience has abundantly proved that when used it was a great hindrance to labor. A large gin distillery continues to be run in this place by some of the most influential inhabitants.

Hadlyme, Col. Samuel C. Selden, President, Ozias Holmes, Esq. Secretary. 311 members; 148 males, 163 females. Increase, 75. Population of the place 560. 311 enrolled, 249 not enrolled. The number of souls belonging to the congregational society is 283, of whom 260 are enrolled. The number of Baptists, Methodists, and Episcoparians, is 277, of whom 51 are enrolled. The Congregational church has 92 members—all enrolled. The Baptist 40—half enrolled—other churches in nearly the same proportion. 48 farms 38 of which are temperance farms, 2 vessels sailed, 5 buildings reared without spirits. 3 stores keep none to sell. 1 rail way for repairing vessels furnishes no spirits, and if any man brings any into the yard, he is immediately discharged—12 converts all belong to the Society. "At no time since the formation of the Society has it appeared to be so free from alloy as at the present."

Lyme, Richard M'Curdy, Esq. President, Chas. Griswold, Esq. Secretary. 422 members; 175 males, 247 females. Members of the Juvenile association 40.—Whole number pledged 462. Increase 64. Population 1200 souls, one third enrolled. 6 drunkards reformed. 92 farms of which 49 are conducted without ardent spirits. 24 factories and mechanics' shops, of which 14 are conducted without. 9 stores, and

none licensed to sell. Only 2 of the 9 applied for licenses. One tayern—liquor sold in it. Three physicians—all members of the Society. Of 164 in the Congregational church, 156 abstain, and 147 belong to the Society. 38 persons have united with the church, of whom -32 were enrolled before conversion, and 6 soon after, and before professing religion. One ship-yard—no liquor furnished or drank in it. Light is

constantly diffused and the cause advancing.

North Lyme, Zebulon Brockway, President, John S. Lord, Secretary. 391 members—191 males, 200 females. Increase 50. More than one half of the farms, factories, and shops, are conducted without ardent spirits: 3 vessels sailed without: 3 buildings reared without. The militia company excluded the article from the chamber and the field. Here are 9 stores, none of which are licensed; only 2 or 3 applied. Physicians are active members. The Congregational Church has 114 members; 79 are enrolled. The Strict Congregational Church has 70 members; 69 enrolled. Methodists about 60; all enrolled. The influence here decidedly in favor of abstinence.

Millington, Wm. E. Cone, President; and Reed Anderson, Secretary. 150 members—75 males, 75 females. Increase 25. One third of the farms, and two thirds of the mechanics' shops are managed without spirits. In the congregational church of 100 members, 70 are enrolled. A very happy change has here been wrought, and is still progressing. Much has been saved to the people, and they wisely appro-

priate this saving to the erection of a new house of worship.

North Killingworth, Rev. Asa King, President; Doct. Rusus Turner, Secretary. 197 members; 80 males, 117 semales. Increase 55. In the church 236 members, 96 of whom are enrolled. Others are nearly convinced and friendly. Here are two stores, one of which does not sell: The friends of the cause have here had peculiar trials, but they are

united and active and prosperous.

Saybrook, Wm. Chalker, President; S. M. Tully, Secretary. 326 members; 117 males, 209 females. Increase 32. Of 46 farms and 16 factories and mechanics' shops, one half exclude spirits. Of 7 stores, 2 do not sell. Two thirds of the vessels are sailed without. Three fourths of the new buildings have been reared without. The officers of two militia companies do not furnish the article. Physicians discourage its use. There are 22 fisheries, employing from 220 to 300 hands, many of whom abstain from spirituous liquors. One fishery, employing 20 hands, was conducted the past season entirely without. In the congregational church are 326 members, 150 of whom are enrolled. Professors do not oppose; converts have almost universally given their pledge.

Pettipauge, Clark Nott, Esq. President; and Doct. A. H. King, Secretary. 436 members; 191 males, 305 females. Increase 50. Here was perhaps, the first regular female association in the State, and its influence in the cause has been most auspicious. Seven reformed drunkards. Of 125 farms, 59 are conducted without spirits. Of 79 factories and mechanics' shops, 52 conducted without. Of 11 stores. 8 have re-

linquished the sale. Congregationalists and Baptists are happily united in the cause. In the congregational church are 242 members, 162 of whom are enrolled. In two baptist churches of 179 members, 68 are enrolled. In the methodist church are 60 members, all separately enrolled. It is not known that any Episcopalian has here joined the society. Talent and influence are decidedly on the side of temperance.

Westbrook, Michael Hill, President; ———, Secretary. 332 members; 113 males, 219 females. Increase 22. Agriculture and manufactures are one third exempt from ardent spirits. Of 10 vessels, 5 are sailed without. Of 253 in the congregational church, 162 are enrolled. In the methodist church, 80 members are practising abstinence.

5 stores all sell the poison.

Chester, Samuel Silliman, President; Richard Ely, Secretary. 200 members; 84 males, 116 females. Increase 75. Congregational society consists of 400 souls; one half enrolled. Baptists have not united in the cause. Congregational church, 138 members, 100 enrolled. Farms, one third conducted without. Of 20 factories. &c. 10 are conducted without. Of 5 stores, 3 do not sell. Temperance publications are circulated and read, and the cause is advancing.

West Chester, Rev. Joseph Harvey, President; Augustus Olmsted, Secretary. 135 members; 56 males, 79 females. Increase 5. There is one store selling. Agriculture and manufactures, one third clear. In the congregational church are 101 members, 55 of whom are enrolled.

## WINDHAM COUNTY.

Society organized April 20, 1829.

DARIUS MATTHEWSON, Esq. Pomfret, President.

JOHN HOLBROOK, Esq. Pomfret, Dr. Joseph Palmer, Ashford, Jonathan A. Welsh, Esq. Brooklyn,

Rev. George J. Tillotson, Brooklyn, Secretary.

Dea. Edwin Newberry, Brooklyn, Treasurer.

Rev. Samuel J. May, Brooklyn,
Allen Harris, Plainfield,
Job Williams, Pomfret,
John F. Williams, Woodstock,
Erastus Lester, Plainfield,

For the first three years of its existence, this Society held meetings only quarterly. But since last July, meetings have been held as often as once in two months. And a new and strong impulse, says the Secretary, has been given to the cause in almost every part of the County. Most of our auxiliaries seem to have had a mind to work; and as it might be expected, their efforts have been crowned with much success. For twelve months preceding last July, but 650 were added to the Society; but during the last eight months, we have received 1600. Our whole number now exceeds 5.000. A few, who have violated

their pledge, have been thrust out. There are two Societies in the County with 200 members not auxiliary; so that there are in the County about 5,200; nearly one-fifth of our population, who have enlisted as good soldiers, we trust, under the banner of TOTAL ABSTI-Two new Societies have been formed in the past year, making the whole number in the County 24; which diffuse through every part, a purifying and precious influence. Existing fears at the last anniversary, that the cause was stationary, and that unless something was done, there would be a reflux of the tide of Intemperance, excited the Society and its auxiliaries to new efforts, which have been signally blessed. The system of district meetings was adopted. In some towns, such meetings were held once in two or three weeks, until every school house was made to ring with temperance appeals and arguments. Another means of advancing our cause has been the presentation of the constitution and the pledge of abstinence, to every family in a district or town, by some judicious and influential member who has assumed the responsibility. By this, most of the families and individuals in some of our towns, have had the subject brought home to their minds and hearts, and have been brought to a decision either for or against joining a temperance society. And not a few respectable and influential individuals, who, until the last year, deemed a connexion with a temperance society as unimportant, have since been led to regard it as a bounden duty to join and publicly espouse our cause.

Many conductors of large farms have during the last year, pledged their veracity that their agricultural business shall no longer be carried on by the stimulus of ardent spirit. And many more are making the experiment of conducting other business without it. Indeed, the great body of the intelligent and respectable people in this County, either belong to the Society, or live according to its fundamental principles.

Most of the members in Windham County, says the Secretary, are over eighteen years of age; and he enquires with much force, whether an effort should not immediately be made to enlist all from ten or twelve years, that they may come up under the wholesome influence of

this institution.

But few distilleries have ever been established in the County. Some which were in operation, have been abandoned from principle. Not one of any kind has been in operation the past year. The number of Temperance stores has increased much. Many merchants, who took out licences last year, have not renewed them this. Within the limits of some of our auxiliaries, there is not a store that will harbor distilled spirits. The whole number of stores in the County is 120; of these more than 60 are Temperance Stores, which will not harbor the spirits of death. The number of taverns is about sixty. But with pain, we add, only six or seven are temperance taverns.

The temperance reformation prepared the way for those revivals of religion with which the County has been blessed in the last year; and the prevalence of religion has had a reciprocal influence on the cause of temperance. Not a few whose habits were fast verging towards intemperance; have, by the truth and spirit of God, been rescued from

danger. The Churches have not made a pledge of abstinence indispensable to admission. But almost all who have recently joined the churches, have, previous to joining, become members of a temperance society. Most of the professors of religion in the County are members. But very few of them traffic in ardent spirits. In concluding his report, the Secretary says, it is manifest that the cause has a strong hold here and draws a strong current of public opinion in its favor. The 5,200 now enlisted in this cause, may ere long, by faithful continuance in duty, with the joys of conquest, plant the standard of temperance reform on all the high places of intemperance in the County. Past experience has verified the maxim, According to your appropriate efforts, be it unto you.

#### AUXILIARIES.

Brooklyn, Doct. Thomas Huntington, President; Dea. J. G. Dabney, Secretary. 370 members; 175 males, 194 females. 174 added since last July. One fourth of the population is on the temperence list. Here are 6 stores and 4 taverns. 4 of the stores and 1 tavern sell no ardent spirits. But one town in the county has so great a proportion of the people of influence and respectability, on the side of temperance.

Ashford, M. Davis, President; Dev. Byles, Secretary. 320 members; 150 mules, 170 females. Increase this year 211. District meetings have done much in this place. 5 stores—only one sells ardent

spirits. 3 taverns, 1 kept on the temperance principle.

Eastford, ———, President; Rev. Reuben Torrey, Secretary. 153 members; 75 males, 53 females. Increase 52. Some opposition; yet the cause was never so popular as at present, especially among the young. 5 stores, 3 sell no ardent spirits. Last year there were 5 taverns, 2 have not renewed their license.

Westford. But little effort has been made here, and progress small. Number of members 55. Increase 10. One store and one tavern.—

Both sell the poison.

Canterbury. Doct. Isaac Clark, President; Stephen Coit, Secretary, Has heretofore taken the lead in temperance, but is now outstripped by Pomfret and Brooklyn. 461 members, not quite one-fourth of its population on the list. 4 stores; 2 temperance. One merchant has banished spirits from his store during this year.

Chàplin, John Ross, President; Thomas Hough, Secretary. This society has prospered the last year, gain 40 members, total 160. 3 stores in the place. One is a temperance store. One tavern. The cause meets with serious obstacles here, but there is much encourage-

ment.

Hampton, John Tweedy, President; Deac. H. Lummis, Secretary. 220 members; 68 males, 152 females—one-fifth of the population. 52 increase since July. Of 6 stores, 2 are temperance; and of 3 taverns, one. The cause has met much opposition here, and there remains much intemperance.

North Killingly. --- President: William Grosvener, Secre

tary. 270 members, nearly one-fourth of the population. 94 increase. Meetings have been frequent, and the progress of the cause great. Three stores sell no ardent spirits; 2 continue the ruinous traffic. Also one

tayern.

Westfield, Thomas Backus, President; Doct. Charles Morse, Secretary 278 members. Increase since July, 108. Within its limits are five stores, in not one of which is the poison sold. Two have banished it recently. Of 4 taverns, one has on its sign the attractive word, TEMPERANCE.

East Killingly, Rev. George Appleton, President; J. Leavens, Secretary. Formed in July, 1830, amidst much opposition, but has advanced until its influence is powerful. 112 members; 60 males, 52 fe males. Increase 42. Three temperance stores; one store and one tavern still sell the drunkard's drink.

South Killingly, Deac. Seth Spalding, President; Almend Ames, Secretary. 100 members; 44 males, 56 females. Increase 26.

Prospects never so bright as at the present time.

Plainfield, Col. Erastus Lester, President; Allen Harris, Secretary. 250 members; 125 males, 125 females, only one-ninth of the population. Of 5 stores, 2 only continue to traffic in ardent spirits. One that has traded largely has recently abandoned the business. Increase 60 since

July. Efforts to gain members have been feeble.

Pomfret, Job Williams, President; George B. Matthewson, Secretary. Highest in the County. 600 members; 275 males, 325 females, nearly one-third of the population. Increase this year, 215. The Temperance constitution has been faithfully circulated. Of 7 stores, all but one are true to temperance principles. A year ago, several merchants sold rum. Formerly there were 3 brandy distilleries in town. One is about to be converted into a temperance store. The other two have not been used for years.

Pomfret Factory. 120 members, inhabitants of a corner of Pomfret, Thompson and Killingly. This society has been recently organized, has made rapid progress, and is very salutary in its influence. But one

store, and that a Temperance store.

Windham, E. Clark, President; Samuel Lee, Secretary. 158 members; 52 males, 106 females—one-seventh of the population. 9 stores; 2 Temperance. The cause has met with much opposition in Windham, yet it advances. Increase since July 16.

Willimantic, G. S. Catlin, President; Wm. Boon, Secretary. A manufacturing village-200 members. Increase 40. 10 stores-6 of

them sell no ardent spirits.

Scotland. 60 members. Formed recently, and not yet auxiliary.

South Woodstock. 190 members. Increase 40. Two Temperance

stores, and 2 stores that sell spirits, also 2 taverns.

North Woodstock, T. Corbin, President; ———, Secretary.——200 members. Increase 35. Four stores in the place, and ALL temperance stores. Two taverns keep the poison for travellers.

West Woodstock, Deac. Alex. Dorrance, President: John T. Will-

iams, Secretary. 160 members; 72 males, 88 Females. Increase 37. Two Temperance stores. Four sell ardent spirits; also two taverns.

Thompson, Daniel Dow, President; Erastus Knight, Secretary. 335 members; 134 males, 201 females—one-seventh of the population. Increase 69. Of 14 stores, 8 will not harbor ardent spirits; 7 taverns continue to sell them.

New Boston, (a factory village) 70 members; 30 males, 40 females. Of 2 stores, one has relinquished the sale of the much loved poison. The habits of the people are said to be greatly improved.

Thompson, Baptist Society, (not auxiliary) 100 members.

Sterling, I. Backus, President; J. F. Wilbur, Secretary. 40 members—one-fifteenth of the population. This society has declined during the year; the only instance of decline in the County—once it numbered 65. Many have moved away, and some have violated their pledge. It has not met for many months, yet it has checked the ravages of intemperance.

Voluntown and Sterling, J. Tillinghast, President; ———, Secretary. 88 members; 33 males, 55 females. 11 increase. This society has met with much opposition, yet has advanced. Meetings have

been held monthly.

Voluntown, South, H. Campbell, President; B. Gallup, 2d, Secretary. 125 members; 42 males, 83 females. Many practise total abstinence, but are not willing to join. Increase only 2.

## TOLLAND COUNTY.

Society formed May, 1829.

ZALMON STORRS, Esq. President.

MINER GRANT, Esq.

John Hall, Esq.

Rev. Samuel Mallery,

Mr. John Townsend,

Vice

Presidents.

Rev. HIRAM P. ARMS, Hebron, Secretary. DEAC. FRANCIS KING, Vernon, Treasurer.

The Secretary has furnished a brief but favorable report of the state of the Temperance cause in this county. The Society has 17 auxiliaries, embodying 3,620 members; a nearly equal portion of males and females. Town and county meetings have been well sustained, and in many places district meetings have been held with much success. No small part of the work of the county has been done without ardent spirit, the past year. And a great diminution in the use is, in almost every place observable—6 stores in the county have abandoned the sale. The feelings of opposition among sober men, of which unhappily there has been considerable, are softening down. And why should they not? It is an obvious fact that a great reformation has been accomplished. It is equally obvious that the Temperance Society has been

the grand and sole means of that reformation. How then can sober men and well wishers to their country, oppose such a cause? Is it not ungenerous for those who do nothing to aid this benevolent enterprise, to stand by and reproach or impugn the motives of those who are grappling, successfully grappling, with the demon Intemperance. The friends of humanity might all be expected to unite in the suppression of this vice, in the only effectual mode yet devised for this purpose, or,

in their wisdom, point out a better.

The Secretary alludes to a few victories of the monster we are destroying. One young man, he says, has recently died of a delirium tremens. One woman laid down by the fire in a fit of intoxication, where her feet were so completely roasted, that it was found necessary to amputate them both. A man in a severe rain lay drunk in a ditch, and was in imminent danger by damming up the water, of being drowned. Some professors of religion were reported at the last meeting, as doing more to oppose the reformation, than all other things combined. Some opposers have attempted to blend temperance with politics. They have their reward. The friends of the cause deem it of the first importance that it should stand upon its own basis, distinct from any political party or religious sect. The prosperity of the cause is much as is the effort to promote it.

#### AUXILIARIES.

Tolland. 320 members. Much has been done in this place, but no report except of numbers has been received.

Bolton, 161 members, 57 males, 104 females. Two retailers in

this place, yet continue to sell ardent spirits.

North Coventry, T. Brewster, President; E. Hunt, Secretary; 337 members; 146 males, 191 females. 58 increase. The cause is pros-

perous here. Yet one retailer continues to vend the poison.

South Coventry, Nathan Howard President; John Dresser, Secretary. 350 members. 141 males, 209 females. Increase 177. Here has been much effort and much success. One store on temperance principles. Two continue to sell. Several buildings have been raised here without spirits. Among them one large factory, which is to be conducted without.

Ellington, John Hall, President; Luther Wright, Secretary. 203 members. 3 members have been expelled for violating their pledge.

4 stores sell spirits.

Gilead, Rev. C. Nichols, President. Oliver Wilcox, Secretary. 97 members; 30 males; 67 females. 45 increase. Here are many valuable orchards, and 7 cider distilleries, and the cause has met from them a steady and powerful opposition. No means of paying taxes will be left, if the Temperance cause goes on. But a small proportion of the Church are enrolled as Temperance men. Yet the friends of the cause are firm, and look forward to certain victory.

Hebron, Nathan Smith, President; David Gillet, Secretary. 212

members; 75 males, 137 females. Increase 100. Two have been expelled for violating their pledge. Four retailers have stopped retailing ardent spirits; three continue to sell. One distillery has been abandoned. Of 170 members of the Congregational Church, 130 are members of the Temperance Society. Methodists are becoming active in the cause.

North Mansfield, Elisha Williams, President; Archibald Welch,

Secretary. 160 members.

South Mansfield, Zalmon Storrs, President; Dan Burrows, Secretary. 210 members.

Somers, Oliver Chapin, 2d, President. S. D. Chapin, Secretary.

340 members. 45 increase. Two retailers of ardent spirits.

East-Stafford, Rev. M. B. Church, President; M. Grant, Secretary. 130 members; 47 males, 83 females. Seven taverns, and four groceries, where the drink of the drunkard may be had for money.

Vernon, Francis King, President; Allyn Kellogg, Secretary. 251

members; 99 males, 152 females.

Willington, John Turner, President; Elisha Bridgham, Secretary. 412 members; 182 males; 250 females, one-third of the population. 110 increase. This is a very flourishing Society. One retailer has stopped selling. At one meeting it was resolved that each member present should endeavor to gain one new member before the next meeting. 58 were the fruit of this new effort.

Columbia, Silas Fuller, President; Warren Fuller, Secretary. 150

members.

Andover, John Townsend, President; John Bull, Secretary. 139 members; 50 males; 89 females. 66 increase. Four-fifths of the members of the Congregational Church in this place belong to the Temperance Society. Also three members of other churches. A large building for a paper mill was raised in this place during the coldest weather of last winter without ardent spirits.

West Stafford, 118 members; 48 males; 70 females. Five stores

here retail ardent spirits.

Union, Rev. Mr. Beardsley, President; David Lanson, Secretary. 40 members.

## NEW-LONDON COUNTY.

Society organized June 30, 1829.

WILLIAM P. GREENE, Esq. President
Gen. J. Isham, Vice President.
WM. C. CILMAN, Esq. Secretary.

FRANCIS A. PERKINS, Treasurer.

No report has been received from the Secretary. My ill health and absence from home this spring, are, he says in a letter to the committee, my apology. No change of officers, he adds, in the different associations, had been communicated since the last report. Mr. Frost has

addressed several of the associations, and with great acceptance; but we need a great deal more effort in this county to keep up with the wants of the cause.

Thus without information, the committee can add but little to what was communicated last year. The number of auxiliaries then reported was 21, embracing 3,121 members. It has now 24 auxiliaries, and It is believed that the number of members may now be put at 3,500. In 1830, 45 retailers out of 141, had abandoned the traffic. It is hoped that the friends of temperance in this county will speedily awake to new efforts, and be first in the cause.

#### AUXILIARIES.

New-London, Society formed July, 1829; Wm. P. Cleveland, Presi-

dent; A. M. Frink, Secretary. Members, 120.

Chesterfield, Society formed July 6, 1829, S. G. Thatcher, President;

I. Kingsly, Jr. Secretary. 131 members; 63 males.

Colchester, Society formed July 22, 1829, Charles P. Otis, President; Samuel H. Fox, Secretary. 250 members; 110 males.

Franklin, 80 members.

Griswold, Society formed Sept. 17, 1829, Rev. H. Waldo, President; James Tyler, Jr. Secretary. 201 members; 98 males. Five

stores were reported here as unwilling to sell the poison.

Groton, Society formed March, 1828, Rev. Timothy Tuttle, President; Samuel A. Newton, Secretary. A good report has been received from this society by the Committee. Perhaps no place, says the Secretary, furnishes so strong an opposition to the cause as Groton; still the infatuating demon is daily losing his dominion, his subjects are revolting, and his soldiers deserting his camp; while entire abstinence moves forward with a steady and certain pace. For the first year, our Society had no increase, and was apparently without influence; since then it has increased about 50 annually. The Noank Society has recently been formed out of us, leaving us 178 members; 68 males; 110 females. There are here 18 licensed retailers, and 6 taverns, who sell ardent spirits. One retailer has lately ceased, who says his other business is better for it.

Noank Society, formed January, 1832. Elder Roswell Burroughs,

President; 30 members.

Jewitt City, Society formed November 28, 1828. Doct. Lucius Tyler, President; Rev. Seth Bliss, Secretary; 135 members; 63 males.

Lebanon, Society formed November 9, 1829. William T. Williams, President; Denison Wattles, Jr. Secretary. 132 members. 58 males.

Lebanon, Goshen, Society formed August 27, 1829. Rev. Erastus Ripley, President; J. G. McCall, Secretary. 99 members. 43 males. Exeter, Society formed March 18, 1830. Tim. Williams, Presi-

dent; Charles Abel, Secretary. 25 members.

Lisbon, Newant, Society formed April 17, 1829. Rev. Levi Nelson,

President; Elisha Branch, Secretary. 90 members. 43 males.

Hanover, Society formed September 28, 1829. B. Huntington, President; Doct. Rufus Smith, Secretary. 73 members; 32 males.

Mystic Bridge, Society formed December, 1831. Asa Fish, Esq.

President. 30 members.

Montville, Society formed March 31, 1830. N. Bradford, President; Samuel Palfrey, Secretary. 183 members; 86 males.

New Salem, Rev. Eli Hyde President; Doct. W. Morgan, Secretary,

83 members; 36 males.

Norwich, Society formed April 17, 1829. I. A. Perkins, President; Edward Whiting, Secretary. 290 members.

Norwich, (Bean Hill) Society formed Dec. 1831. Eber Backus, President; Roger Huntington, Secretary. Members not reported.

Norwich Falls, Society formed July 28, 1827. 200 members; 110 males. The cause has many warm friends, and has good success in Norwich. A nail factory, a rolling mill, slitting mill, iron foundery, cotton and woollen mills, and other manufacturing establishments, have for a long period been conducted without ardent spirits. It is regret-

ted that a minute report has not been received from this place.

North Stonington, Society formed June 18, 1828. Hon. William Randall, President; Isaac I. Langworthy, Secretary. A full report has been received from this most active society. Number of members 361; 176 males, 185 females. Increase since last July, 150. District meetings have been held here to great advantage. The National Circular is purchased to be put into every family. Only two persons applied last January for licenses, and they were refused. One of these was a professor of religion. The Congregational Church, under the pastoral care of the Rev. J. Ayer, have unanimously voted the pledge of entire abstinence essential to admission. One vender, wishing to abandon the unholy traffic, offered to sell his liquor at cost to any one who would purchase and destroy it. A benevolent individual purchased it, and poured it on the ground. Opposition here is violent. The cry of Priestcraft, Church and State, is rung aloud.

Preston, Society formed March 1, 1830. Elder S. Meach, President;

Warren Andrews, Secretary. 230 members.

Stonington, Society formed April 17, 1829. — , President; A G. Smith, Secretary. 203 members.

## LITCHFIELD COUNTY.

Society organized June 23, 1829.

Hon. JOHN COTTON SMITH, LL.D. President.

Doct. Wm. Buel,
Joseph Battell,
Samuel Lyman,
Doct. Norman Lyman,
Anon Hine,
William G. Williams,
Elisha Sterling,
Tertius D. Patten,
Richard Smith, Sharon, Secretary,
Doct. Alanson Abbe, Litchfield, Treasurer.

This flourishing Society reports 34 auxiliaries, and 7000 members. All its auxiliaries have been visited the last year by Daniel Frost, the state agent, with much effect. The County Society adopted, at a recent meeting, a resolution that a Temperance constitution be presented to every family in the County, and that every individual of proper age be solicited to subscribe. The resolution contemplates the introduction of all youth above 12 years of age. District meetings are held in some towns, and made interesting and profitable. By means of these opportunities to discuss the subject, those, says the Secretary, in the outskirts of a town, are informed of the immense mischiefs of intemperance, and the easy remedy; many prejudices are removed, and large accessions are made to the societies. Our clergymen, he adds, are in the habit of introducing the subject into their sermons on the Sabbath, and whenever it is done, it awakens the audience to new interest, and is always the subject of approving remark. The cause of Temperance in the County is rising. Addresses the most pointed and searching are well received; and although they may occasionally produce some uneasiness in particular auditors, yet these same persons dare not denounce them. I think I can safely say that nearly all the judicious and reflecting men in the County are either members of Temperance societies, or have adopted the principle of total abstinence.

### AUXILIARIES.

Sharon, Richard Smith, President; Charles H. Read, Secretary.—506 members. But one store where spirits are sold. 7 discontinue the sale. One furnace of large business uses none. Farmers generally dispense with it. One farmer had 1000 sheep washed and sheared without the aid of spirits. 6 deaths, 6 families reduced to pauperism, and 20 drunkards, the fruit here of strong drink.

Plymouth, ———, President; Doct. Wm. Woodruff, Secretary. 470 members; 228 males, 242 females. Increase 184. District meet-

ings have been held in this place to great effect. 3 distilleries have been abandoned—4 merchants have quit the traffic. One only dares continue in it on his way to judgment. In one church of 400 members, 90 shut their eyes against the light, and plead they cannot see it their duty to join. Most of the manufacturing establishments are worked without the poison. One young woman has been reduced by it to complete idiocy.

Northfield, Chauncey Warner, President; A. W. Warner, Secretary. 100 members. Here opposition to the cause has been violent;

but it has recently much subsided.

Winchester, (Centre) Levi Platt, President; Samuel Hurlburt, Secretary. 183 members; 90 males, and 93 females. Increase since October 23. One taverner, one distiller, and two venders, have come under the power of the Temperance reformation. One taverner, one distiller, and two venders still resist it, and choose to risk the consequences. 60 members of the Church have rejoiced in the Temperance cause, and 44 frown upon it. 44 families close their doors against the poison, and 49 welcome it to their abode—3 drunkards out of 5 reformed—18 have been destroyed in 12 years, poisoned by ardent spirits; and 21 families reduced by it to want. 100 gallons only have been sold here the past year—formerly 900 found a ready market. Business of lawyers almost at an end.

Winsted, — —, President; Wm. S. Boyd, Secretary. 240 members; 123 males, 117 females. Ten taverns and grog-shops licensed by the authority to scatter abroad the means of pauperism and death; yet many of the venders sick of their business, and would aban-

don it if others would. Need moral courage.

Washington, Samuel Leavitt, President; Anthony Smith, Secretary.

122 members. This society has been recently organized.

New Preston, Samuel Averill, President; Roger N. Whittlesey, Secretary. 172 members; 73 males, 99 females—135 of the whole professors of religion, 30 of them young converts. Three of six stores sell none of the drunkard's drink. More than half of the farmers, and 27 mechanical establishments use it not. Episcopalians engage not here in the work of benevolence. Juvenile Branch, 30 members, 3

of these professors of religion.

Woodbury, Judson Blackman, President; Elijah Sherman, Jr. Secretary. 281 members; 127 males, 154 females. Six stores boldly continue the traffic—3 wash their hands from guilt. 20 families have here been reduced to want—43 drunkards are on their way to eternity—one hard drinker has become a convict, and may in prison be reformed. The Methodists in this place were early opposed, but have lately come nobly into the work. One reformed drunkard has become hopefully pious—strong opposition exists, but it is useful to the cause.

Goshen. Erastus Lyman, President; Lewis M. Norton, Secretary. 284 members; 102 males, 182 females. Of seven stores, only 2 continue to sell, and they sell but little. In this town were retailed, in ten years previous to the commencement of the Temperance reformation,

36,400 gallons of ardent spirits, which at 60 cents a gallon, cost the inhabitants 21,840 dolls. Now very little is consumed, and most of this waste is saved, and its idleness, poverty, crime, and ungodliness

avoided.

Torringford, Doct. I. Case, President; Giles A. Gaylord, Secretary. 190 members; 85 males, 105 females. Increase 48. One tavern and 2 stores sell when they think proper; yet our merchants are on the temperance roll, and it is a serious injury. Six distilleries are About one half the Church belong to the Temperance sohere run. ciety.

Wolcottville, 90 members. This society has been recently formed

in a manufacturing village.

New-Milford, Abel Hine, President; Henry M. Mahon, Secretary.

250 members.

South Canaan, Stephen Lane, President; Doct. Blatchly, Secretary. 236 members; 3 Temperance stores: 3 still risk the judgment of God in selling-30 drunkards tottering over the grave. Five working establishments reject the enfeebling poision.

Salisbury, Elisha Sterling, President; More Chittenden, Secretary.

300 members.

Norfolk, Joseph Battell, President; B. Birge, Secretary. 391 mem-

Juvenile Society, 85 members.

Litchfield, Doct. Wm. Buell, President; ----, Secretary. 180 members. Great apathy prevails here, in the heart of the County.

Harwinton, Marvin Griswold, President; David Catlin, Secretary. 360 members. A very prosperous society. Diminution in the use of liquor 7-8. 14 cider distilleries abandoned—15 continue to run. 15 families reduced to poverty by spirits-44 drunkards, 8 reformed-35 working establishments reject the poison. One convict from drinking.

Colebrook, Rev. T. Lawcomb, President; John H. Rogers, Secreta-

240 members-3 Temperance stores; 2 continue the traffic.

Kent. 140 members.

Ellsworth, Doct. Clark Chapman, President; ---, Secretary. 123 members-2 Temperance stores; 1 continues to sell; 10 drunkards; 5 families reduced to want; 2 paupers, made such by intemperance.

New-Hartford, (North) John Brown, President; Wm. G. Williams, Secretary. 130 members—5 working establishments exclude spirits—

2 drunkards reformed.

New-Hartford, Rev. C. Yale, President; Doct. A. Abernethy, Secretary. 153 members. The Temperance cause has flourished much here; but for the past season has been neglected on account of a revival. Quere, Is this right?

Watertown, Rev. D. O. Griswold, President; ---, Secretary.

155 members.

South Farms, ----, President; Dr. G. H. Miner, Secretary. 127 members; 43 males, 74 females--78 Professors of religion out of 220. One Temperance store. Many influential persons have lately joined the society.

Bethlem. 116 members.

Riga, ————, President; James Pettee, Jr. Secretary. 120 members. All the iron furnaces in this place are conducted without ardent spirits. The article is not to be bought in the place. One barrel was formerly used on an average annually, by each family.

North Cornwall, N. Hart, President; Rev. W. Smith, Secretary.

77 members.

Roxbury, Thomas Hurd, President; C. Whittlesey, Secretary. 168 members. One distillery stopped in consequence of the Temperance reformation. Two hat factories, and one furnace, and several farms are conducted without spirits. One store has commenced on Temperance principles.

Milton, 70 members—1 Temperance store; 6 drunkards going to ruin. 148 families still use the poison; 20 reject it as ruinous to body

and soul.

#### FAIRFIELD COUNTY.

Society organized Oct. 21, 1829. Hon. GIDEON TOMLINSON, President.

Hon. Roger M. Sherman,
Hon. Clarke Bissell,
Mr. Isaac Ives,
Rev. Thomas Punderson,
Eliphalet St. John, Esq. (
Rev. Mr. Judah,
Rev. Mr. Ellis,
Hawley Olmsted, Esq. )

Vice Presidents.

Rev. Joel Mann, Greenwich, Secretary. Mr. Samuel A. Nichols, Treasurer.

In this County, says the secretary, in his report, the progress of temperance has been encouraging. At the meeting in January last, the Society resolved to put the Circular of the New-York State Temperance Society into every family in the County willing to receive it, for the signature of all favorably disposed. This has been accomplished, and the result has been the addition of 785 names, pledged to the principle of entire abstinence, making the whole number of members 3519, in 21 auxiliaries.

On the success of the cause, says the Secretary, is suspended the welfare of our beloved country. A nation of intemperate men cannot long govern itself. A government composed of men whose elections to office have been obtained by the influence of ardent spirits, cannot be a virtuous or stable government. A fabric composed of such materials must soon crumble and fall. Toward this state of things we have been rapidly advancing. Intemperance, in all its forms and degrees,

is a common vice among all classes of our citizens. In some towns, one half, and in some probably two-thirds of the adult population, has been more or less intemperate; and this shocking vice was increasing with amazing rapidity. The election of public officers has been and still is, in an alarming degree, under the influence of Intemperance. It is therefore a matter of surprise and sorrow that men professing god-liness and love of their country, should refuse to aid the temperance cause, and, as in many cases, openly to oppose it. Such persons are inflicting a great injury on their country, and on the church, and on the souls of their fellow-men. They are unquestionably doing more than all other persons to perpetuate an evil which is the greatest ever experienced in this land. To God they must answer it in that day when he will render to every man according to his deeds.

#### AUXILIARIES.

Greenwich, second Parish, Dea. Darius Mead, President; Rev. E. C. Clark, Secretary. 401 members; increase, 140, by the Circular. No distillery now exists here. 3 stores have abandoned the traffic in ardent spirits. One vessel sails without. The most extensive farmers in the place are decided temperance men, and a large proportion of the members of the church are warm friends to the cause, but some violently oppose it, and utterly refuse to read or hear any thing on the subject, when they can decently avoid it.

Juvenile Society, in the Academy, 60 members.

Greenwich, North Society, 140 members; 17 added by the Circular. The temperance cause has received in this place, the prompt attention of its friends.

Stanwich, ————, President; Platt Brush, Secretary. 211 members. 61 added by the Circular. Much opposition here from an unexpected quarter; even from professors of religion; O tell it not in Gath.

Stamford, 40 members, previous to the distribution of the Circular. Not heard from since.

North Stamford, Dea. A. Scofield, President; Rev. H. Fuller, Secretary. 91 members. One store kept by a Methodist professor, who sells no distilled liquor. Four places remain where the drunkard can roll and wallow in his shame. Two of them kept by professed Christians. 6 or 8 farms worked without rum. Reputedly good men a great hindrance here to this work of benevolence.

New Canaan, Eliphalet St. John, President; John C. Hart, Secretary. 123 members. Greatest discouragement from the indifference, if not opposition of those who are expected to be the patrons of every

good work.

Darien, Walter Whitney, President; Henry Morehouse, Secretary. 154 members; 36 by the Circular. Of 5 stores, 4 vend ardent spirit; and one of them is kept by a professor of godliness. Such professors are our greatest hindrance. Treating and tippling at stores and ta-

verns, is nearly at an end. One reformed drunkard is a reputable

member of the society.

Norwalk, Hon. Clark Bissel, President; Henry Whittlesey, Secretary. 385 members; 179 by the Circular. 6 taverns and 17 shops, have here the past year furnished ardent spirits. One extensive firm has relinquished the sale within two months. There has been a progressive movement in the temperance cause among us. Many persons, much opposed, have been brought to think more favorably of it.

Bridgeport, ----, President; D. B. Turner, Secretary. 136

members.

Young Men's, ———, President; D. B. Turner, Secretary. 391 members; 250 by the Circular. Present prospects very flattering.

Stratford, James H. Lindsley, President; ———, Secretary. 380 members; increase 200. The temperance cause has recently become popular here, and wrought great changes among the people. Members almost daily increasing. Seven drunkards reformed. Two years since, one was offered twenty dollars not to drink any ardent spirit in a year; he accepted the offer, and entirely abstained; at the expiration of the year, he was offered by his old comrades, twenty dollars more to drink; he refused, and has since entertained the hope that he has experienced religion.

Trumbull, Federal Brinsmade, President; Ali Brinsmade, Secretary. 35 members. We trust we shall receive additional strength soon.

Professors of religion a great hindrance.

Munroe, Dea. Edmund Lewis, President; Doct. H. C. Beardslee, Secretary. 100 members; 32 males; 68 females, doubled in a year. Circular has done much good in this place. The Methodists have here organized an independent association. We anticipate much good from their exertions, and heartily wish them success.

Brookfield, ———, President; C. Stuart, Secretary. 117 members; increase, 43. One store has stopped selling. The opposition here, if there is any, is secret, except in a few cases where interest or

appetite has a controlling influence.

Fairfield, Rev. John Hunter, President; Charles Bennet, Secretary. 285 members; 102 by the Circular. One temperance store.

Weston, 100 members. Society just formed. Two temperance stores.

Ridgefield, 160 members. Circular not yet distributed. Three temperance stores.

Danbury, Isaac Ives, President; Curtis Clark. Secretary. 120

members.

Wilton, Levi Scribner, President; Hawley Olmsted, Secretary. 110 members.

Newtown, Samuel C. Blackman, President; Elizur W. Keeler, Sccretary. 130 members. A strong hold of Intemperance; but much has been effected here; one temperance store. Several factories are conducted without ardent spirits. Water power has proved more manageable and profitable than steam. Juvenile Association, 130 members.

From most of the Societies in the Eastern section of the County, says Mr. Mann, no report has been received. A favorable beginning in this great reformation has been made, but it is only a beginning. The enemy is dismayed, but not vanquished. And many vigorous exertions wisely directed, and well sustained, are indispensable to final success.

## HARTFORD COUNTY.

Society organized Oct. 13, 1829.

SETH TERRY, Esq. Hartford, President.

[Vice Presidents and Executive Committee not reported.]

REV. SAM'L H. RIDDELL, Glastenbury, Secretary.

In his report, the Secretary congratulates the friends of Temperance upon the steady progress of the cause in the County from the first .--Five new auxiliaries have been formed since our last anniversary, making the whole number of auxiliary societies 36. Three of these auxiliaries have been instituted exclusively by young people. There is now a Temperance Association in nearly every parish or school society in the County. The number of individuals who have united with these societies, and adopted the "Infallible Antidote" to Intemperance and its evils, first published to the world perhaps, if not first discovered here, is 9,000. Increase since the last anniversary, 3,575. Besides, there are some hundreds belonging to Temperance societies not auxiliary, so that not far from 10,000, one-fifth of our population, have given their pledge of entire abstinence. These are from all professions, occupations, and ranks of society-of every age from 10 to 100, including especially a large portion of that class who are just entering upon the active stage of life. In one of our largest and most central parishes it is remarked, that there is scarcely a youth who makes any pretensions to respectability, who is not a member of the Temperance society.

A greater interest, says the Secretary, has been felt in the cause of Temperance in the last three months, than at any former period. And he attributes this to the recent revivals of religion. He also recognizes, as a means of advancing the cause, the labors of the State agent, Daniel Frost, Jr. Esq. The monthly meeting has been continued with deep interest; often two or three places asking for it at the same time, and

yet all the auxiliaries have not been visited.

In giving the results of the Temperance reformation in Hartford County, the Secretary says, that since it commenced, near 10,000 of the inhabitants have entirely relinquished the use of ardent spirits, and banished them from their families, their farms, and their shops; 28 distilleries have ceased to make the drink of the drunkard—16 from a consciousness that the business was morally wrong; 27 retailing stores have ceased retailing ardent spirits. 21 from temperance principles; and 31 stores have been established without vending the article. In

three parishes, the article is not retailed in any store. The number of taverns is not so great as formerly by nine, and there are 6 taverns in which spirits are not kept. 45 reputed drunkards, have been apparently reformed and restored to the comforts and privileges of social domestic life, and 58 persons who were formerly intemperate in various degrees, are now members of temperance Societies. Many families have been obviously improved in their temporal circumstances, in consequence of the change in their individual members. It is the testimony of every place, exclusive of the city, that intoxication is not as frequently witnessed as formerly. 394 farms, 93 mechanic shops, and 51 factories are carried on in the County without ardent spirits. 44 frames were raised, and 42 buildings finished without, the last sea-3 churches have within a few months become temperance churches, by resolving to admit no members hereafter to their communion. who either make, use, sell or give to others ardent spirits. The little church in the parish of Wapping, in East-Windsor, has the honor of first setting this truly Christian example to her sister churches; the honor of being the first Temperance Church in Hartford County. Worshipping her Saviour in the simplicity of love, in her small, unfinished tabernacle, she little thought when she performed this act, what preeminence she was earning for herself. But doubtless "it shall be told as a memorial of her' when tall spires and Grecian columns shall have crumbled into ruin. The other churches referred to are the South Congregational church, and the Free church in the city.

But while the Secretary reports these highly favorable results, he also reports the following WORK TO BE DONE. One half or twothirds of the population of the County, yet exposed to all the evils incident to the use of spirits, are to be persuaded to abandon them entirely. 149 distilleries, blackening the heavens of 29 parishes with their smoke. and converting annually, 11,500 barrels of cider, and 134,845 bushels of grain into a subtle and mischievous poison, which they pour forth by wholesale and retail upon a deluded and suffering community, are, through the power of a rectified public opinion, to be abandoned. 185 dealers in ardent spirits, 88 of whom take the liberty, contrary to law, to sell by the dram, and 93 taverners who deal out the poison at their bar, are to be convinced that they are very guilty in supporting their families, by beggaring other families, exciting men to vice and crime, and ruining body and soul in hell. 744 inebriates, 599 males, and 145 females, 400 of whom are heads of families, are, if possible, to be reclaimed from drunkenness before they go down to the grave. 900 children now in the houses of drunkenness are to have a better allotment, and to be rescued from the example of a drunken father or drunken mother. 37 deaths, the number occasioned by Intemperance the last year, are to be prevented in future years. In the County, are 98 widows of drunkards and 161 fatherless children, of the same under age; 35 living drunkards, who provide nothing for their families, and 19 who are separated from their wives, making calls upon the public. Most of the churches are to be roused from a strange apathy, towards this work. As yet they generally refuse to take a decided stand in its behalf. A large

majority of their members are indeed members of temperance societies, but many are not, who on that account are a great obstacle to our progress. 28 professors of religion run distilleries. 50 furnish materials for distilling. 33 sell ardent spirits, 13 including one Deacon of the church, keep rum taverns. All these are yet to be convinced that they are doing a business totally inconsistent with their holy profession. In the city of Hartford particularly, there is a great work to be done. There intemperance yet seems to maintain its strong hold. In that city there are indeed 1000 pledged members, and more are uniting. But the reformation seems in some respects to have made through the influence of the traffic, less progress there than in most places of its size and situation There are 79 dealers in ardent in New-England and in New-York. spirits, 18 wholesale—and there is an almost unexampled want of countenance and co-operation in the cause, on the part of men of the first respectability in civil life.

But this enterprising Society appears to be in no way daunted by the greatness and difficulties of the work before them, but to be pressing on cheerfully to an assured and glorious triumph. Two things seem to be peculiarly desirable at the present time, by the friends of the cause. First, a greater array of talent against the demoralizing and destructive evil, Intemperance, and all its sources; and second, greater

decision and activity in the churches.

We should be glad to see, says the Secretary in his report, men of profound natural and medical science, immediately employed to fill the Encyclopedia under the various heads pertaining to this subject, with the results of recent analysis and investigation. And it is worthy the genius of a Cervantes or a Butler, if such were to be found, to caricature the practices and the base and frivolous excuses of those who persevere at the present day in the use and traffic of ardent spirits, and to consign them to the eternal amusement and ridicule of mankind. What might not another M'Fingal, coming from the most distinguished citizen of Hartford, accomplish in this city for this our moral revolution, by revealing in their true plight, the traitors of the liberties, the health and happiness of their fellow-citizens, as they almost literally

" under ground descried are On kegs of Ale, and seats of Cider."

On the other point, the secretary remarks, The time is fully come, or may easily be made to come, when the churches ought to act, and may act on this subject. There is no need of their longer lying under the public odium, of being unfriendly or even neutral towards this cause.— A large majority of their members are and have long been its sworn friends. Let them express their sentiments decidedly and as a body on this subject, and resolve that they will admit the evil which now cleaves to them no longer within their sacred inclosures. When the sin of making, vending and using ardent spirits shall have been universally branded by the Christian Church as totally inconsistent with the Christian profession, it will soon be viewed in the same light by the world. Then,

and not till then, will the temperance reformation become permanent.

The Secretary concludes his report with the following interesting item—There has been a revival of religion in the past year in every place where the society has auxiliaries, but two. The number of hopeful conversions has been rising of 1500. Of these more than 700 were members of the Temperance Society previous to their conversion, and more than 600 have joined since.

### AUXILIARIES.

Hartford, Jared Griswold, Esq. President; A. M. Collins, Secretary. 1034 members. In this place are 79 venders of ardent spirit; 18 wholesale, 74 retail. From one fifth to one fourth of the population directly or indirectly interested in the traffic. 15 taverns in the city; 9 professors of religion traffic in spirits; two do. keep rum taverns; four or five do. rent cellars. Three temperance stores are struggling for existence. South and Free churches are temperance churches. National Circular is now in circulation, and many are signing the pledge.

Bristol, C. G. Ives, President; T. M. Roberts, Secretary. 344 members; 160 males, 184 females. 5 cider distilleries; 6 retailers; 1 temperance store; 1 temperance tavern; 20 farms; 14 mechanic shops; 12 factories and one furnace carried on without spirits. 16 buildings, besides a meeting-house, raised and finished without, last year, except that the meeting-house is not yet finished.

New Britain, N. W. Stanley, President; H. Stanley, Secretary. 549 members. 4 cider distilleries, which consume yearly, about 7,000 barrels of cider, and produce 21,000 gallons of spirit. No retailer in the parish since last March. One temperance store. Many mechanic shops carried on without spirits.

Kensington, ———, President; Shelden Moore, Secretary. 33 members; 20 males, 13 females. 5 cider distilleries, make 4,500 gallons spirit. There is no store or tavern in this parish.

Worthington, J. Galpin, President; H. Gridley, Secretary. 219 members; 3 retailers; 2 taverns. The reformation here began late, but makes a very pleasing progress.

Burlington, Z. Hotchkiss, President; C. Hamlin, Secretary. 174 members; 73 males, 101 females. 7 cider distilleries; 2 retailers; 1 temperance store; 17 temperance farms, and 4 shops.

Canton, W. H. Hallock, President; N. L. Bidwell, Secretary. 294 members. 101 males; 193 females. 30 cider distilleries; 8 retailers, 5 sell by the dram; 6 taverns; 30 temperance farms; 3 temperance shops.

East Hartford, S. Olmsted, President; G. Olmsted, Secretary. 530 members. 250 males, 280 females. 8 retailers; 1 temperance store; 7 taverns; 5 deaths by ardent spirits last year; 3 reputed drunkards, apparently reformed. Temperance reformation making fine progress. Most of the young people engaged to promote it.

East Windsor, A. Read, President; P. W. Grant, Secretary. 217 members. 74 males; 133 females. 3 retailers; 3 taverns; 4 deaths by ardent spirits last year; 9 church members carry materials to the distillery; 14 temperance farms. The chief obstacle to the cause complained of here, is the unfavorable "stand taken by influential men in and out of the church."

East Windsor, North parish, S. Bartlett, President; M. Reed, Secretary. 334 members. In this parish there are 4 gin distilleries, which consume 353 bushels of grain a day, and produce 275,000 gal-

lons of spirit yearly.

Wapping, J. Collins, President; H. Hall, Secretary. 80 members. 33 males, 46 females. 2 retailers; 1 temperance store; 1 tavern, where spirits are not kept. Almost all the families of the parish obviously improved in their circumstances, in consequence of the temperance reformation. 10 farms are carried on without spirits, and the church is a temperance church.

Enfield, W. Dixon, President; A. Allen, Secretary. 306 members. 132 males, 174 females. 2 gin distilleries; 5 retailers, and 6 taverns.

Farmington, Hon. T. Pitkin, President; S. Hart, Secretary. 455 members. 6 cider distilleries; 4 venders; 5 temperance stores; 1 tavern out of 7, where spirits are not kept; 30 farms and 6 mechanic shops, carried on without spirits; 4 church members engaged in the

distillation of spirits, and 3 in the sale of it!!!

Avon, 1st Society. C. Whittlesey, President; J. H. Brown, Secretary. 141 members. 42 males, 99 females. 3 cider distilleries. 4 retailers, 3 of whom sell liquor by the dram. Two distillers, two venders, and one taverner in the church, and two deacons not members of the Temperance Society. Seven church members who carry materials to the distillery. 13 Temperance farms, and 6 shops.

Avon, 2d Society, R. Porter, President; J. Willard, Secretary. 74 members; 26 males, 48 females. 4 cider distilleries. Here are two temperance stores. Many of the members of the church carry stuff to the distilleries; 5 distill and sell it, and one deacon keeps a rum tavern.

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East Hartland, I. Newell, President; L. P. Case, Secretary. 128 members; 43 males, 85 females. 9 cider distilleries; 5 of them owned by PROFESSORS of religion. 16 farms are worked without spirits, and 3 mechanics' shops. The greatest hindrance to the reformation complained of here is the inconsistency and indecision of its pledged supporters.

West-Hartland, 67 members.

Glastenbury, P. Brown, President; A. H. Wells, Secretary. 122 members. 5 retailers, 3 of whom sell by the dram; 2 Temperance stores, one of which belongs to the Hartford Manufacturing Co. 5 reputed drunkards have been apparently reformed; 14 farms and 10 mechanics' shops are worked without spirits. The principal opposition arises from political and sectarian motives.

Glastenbury, Youth's Society, O. Wells, President; R. Ladd, Secre-

tary. 164 members, This society consists of unmarried persons, over 10 years of age.

Eastbury, J. Stocking, President; D. H. Hubbard, Secretary. 60

members.

Salmon Brook, J. Kendall President; C. Hayes, Secretary. 113 members. 40 Cider distilleries, make 800 barrels of brandy, on an average, yearly. 3 retailers, 10 dram-sellers, 8 taverns, 1 temperance store; three-quarters of the inhabitants interested, one way and another, in the manufacture and sale of spirits. 6 church members make and sell it. A Youth's Temperance Society, has recently been formed here.

Turkey Hills, Hon. S. Woodsuff, President; G. C. Gould, Secretary. 107 members; 31 males, 51 females. 7 cider distilleries make 8,000 gallons spirit annually.—4 deaths by intemperance last year. 13 temperance farms. 3 temperance shops. A stone church lately erected and finished without spirits.

Manchester, officers not reported. 148 members. 3 retailers. 4 taverns. 20 temperance farms. 8 mechanic shops, and 8 factories

without spirits.

Manchester, Youth's Society. E. C. Hilliard, President; C. S. Ly-

man, Secretary, 234 members.

Simsbury, C. Barber, President; R. Eells, Secretary. 200 members, 50 males, 150 females. 15 cider distilleries; 8 retailers who sell by the dram; 13 taverns; 14 farms and 5 mechanic shops, worked without spirits.

Suffield, (not reported,) has 386 members.

Wethersfield, S. B. Woodward, M. D. President; A. Robbins, Secretary. 465 members. 125 males, 301 females. 2 retailers; 2 taverns; 3 temperance stores; 4 mechanic shops without spirits, and three-fourths of the farms without.

Wethersfield, Youth's Society, 194 members.

Southington, S. Walkley, President; C. Robinson, Secretary. 300 members. 101 males, 198 females. 5 cider distilleries; 6 retailers; all sell by the dram; 4 taverns; 6 drunkards reformed; 50 farms worked without spirits; 2 church members carry materials to distille ries; 1 retails; 3 keep rum taverns, and one deacon professes his dis

like to temperance Societies.

Newington, W. Deming, President; D. H. Willard, Secretary. 224 members. 89 males, 135 females. There is no store in this parish, and but one tavern in a corner of it. One third of the people are members of the temperance society, including almost all the young people. 6 reputed drunkards have been apparently reformed; 35 farms are worked without spirits. The church is practically a temperance church.

Rocky Hill, ——; J. Williams, Secretary. 182 members. 57 males, 125 females. 5 retailers; 4 dram sellers; 15 farms conducted without spirits.

Wintonbury, E. Frisbie, President; A. Andrews, Secretary. 348

members. 134 males, 214 females. 5 gin distilleries. 2 temperance stores. 1 temperance tavern. 3 drunkards apparently reformed. 16 farms, and 5 shops worked without spirits.

West Hartford, R. Colton, President; H. B. Porter, Secretary. 284 members. 2 cider distilleries; 4 retailers; 27 farms, and 8 shops

worked without spirits.

Collinsville, recently formed, not reported, has 110 members. Societies exist in the deaf and dumb Asylum, and in Washington College, from which no recent reports have been received.

## NEW-HAVEN COUNTY.

Society organized February, 1830. Hon. DAVID DAGGET'I, LL.D. President.

Hon. Simeon Baldwin,
Gen. Eli Fowler,
Bennet Bronson,
Lyman Cannon,
Col. Samuel Robinson,
Dr. Joseph Foote,
Leman Stone, esq.
Prof. Denison Olmstead,

Vice-Presidents.

1792

James Brewster, John L. Tomlinson, Samuel Frisbie, Bela Farnham, Julius Maltby, Caleb Cook, Aaron Benedict, Eli Thompson, Col. Cowles, James E. P. Dean, Wm. Fenn, David M. Hotchkiss—Directors.

REV. JOHN MITCHELL, Fairhaven, Secretary.

AMASA PORTER, Treasurer.

second year,

There were orginally in this County two Temperance Societies—one for the eastern, and the other for the western district, but they were in February, 1830, merged into one.

The number of members was then 2500. Number of members at

the first anniversary, Feb. 1831,

Number at the second anniversary, Feb. 1832,

Increase first year,

4207

5999

1707

The whole number of auxiliaries is 35. But, says the Secretary in his report, 15 of them were not represented at the annual meeting, and only their number when last reported was used in making the estimate. Some have not been heard from for a long time. The increase already ascertained, has been far greater than was anticipated. It was supposed a year ago, that we had arrived almost to the limit of success. But the increase is still greater than before, and affords the strongest encouragement to the friends of temperance to persevere. From estimates made in the several towns, agreeably to the published request, it appears that 428 farmers conducted their business in the County the past year without ardent spirits—9 out of 12 brick-yards in one town, have been

worked without, with the exception of one individual out of 30 or 40 laborers. From one port, 11 out of 17 vessels, or four-fifths of the tonnage, have made their voyages without ardent spirits. More than 150 master mechanics, builders, &c. and several (more than 20) large manufacturers have conducted their business on the same principle. Diminution of sales for the last 3 years are generally estimated from 1-2 to 3-4. And so long, says the Secretary, as the friends of Temperance continue to use judicious efforts, there will be a steady and silent influence at work, graduaally circumscribing the monster Intemperance, and ultimately destroying him. Let them keep the evil and danger of dram drinking constantly before the public mind; hold steadily before the public eye the resistless facts which prove that men can do every thing better without rum than with it, and the reformation will go on. The number of intemperate will gradually diminish, as one drunkard after another falls into the grave. The number of the abstinent will increase until the public sentiment (already strong) shall become so decided against the use of spirituous liquors, that every man of principle and virtue will be ashamed to drink.

The Secretary thus speaks of the prospects of the rising generation—Our population is 40,000. About one-third are under 14 years of age, and under the influence of the older class. Of the older class, one half entirely discountenance the use of ardent spirits; the rest give far less countenance to the evil than formerly. In fact, one half of the rising generation is entirely rescued from the evil of the bad example of parents, brothers and sisters; and the other half far less encouraged to

form dangerous habits than formerly.

There are doubtless many, unfortunately too many, respectable, and we are willing to believe, good (though mistaken) men, whose practice says to their innocent and unsuspecting children, "there is no evil in drinking a little rum." The influence of such examples is unhappily great. The examples of those unhappy victims who have ceased to be respectable have long since lost their power, and stand like shattered wrecks to warn others to avoid the dangerous rocks on which they split and sunk to rise no more. It is the example of these good men which holds the poisoned cup to their children; which encourages the unhappy victims of appetite in their fatal course; which deters many from adopting the only course of safety; and on them devolves the fearful responsibility of retarding the progress of one of the most humane and benevolent schemes ever attempted by a christian community.

#### AUXILIARIES.

New-Haven, City, Hon. S. Baldwin, President; A. N. Skinner, Secretary. 570 members. Increase 10.

Young Men's Society, James E. Dean, President; Henry White, Secretary. 252 members. Increase 70.

Yale College, 267 members. Increase 67. Fairhaven, 213 members. Increase 73.

Hotchkisstown, 95 members. A new society formed within the year.

African, 50 members.

In New-Haven are 1247 members. No report has been received stating the statistics of Temperance and Intemperance in this city; which is much to be regretted. Much has been done to purify that beautiful city, but it is believed the vast moral power existing there has not been brought to bear as it must be upon this vice Intemperance.

Branford, Samuel Frisbie, President; Benjamin R. Fowler, Secre-

tary. 150 members. Increase 61.

Cheshire, 98 members. A new society; organized in November last. Derby, Leman Stone, President; J. L. Tomlinson, Secretary. 227 members. Increase 74.

Humphreysville, 119 members. Increase 49.

Great Hill, 65 members. 41 Increase.

East-Haven, Dr. B. Farnham, President; S. R. Bradley, Secretary. 240 members. Increase 32.

Guilford, Samuel Burgiss, President; Amos Seward, Secretary. 358

members. Increase 53.

Hamden, (Mt. Carmel,) Lyman Goodyear, President; — - - Ives, Secretary. 115 members. Increase 55.

Hamden, (East Plains,) 133 members. 103 increase.

Madison, Benjamin Hart, President; W. P. Munger, Secretary. 331 members; 114 males, 217 females. Increase 140. Two merchants ceased selling last year, and 2 have ceased within two or three months. 2 taverners, and 2 licensed retailers continue to sell. In two large shipyards, employing 35 men, no ardent spirits are furnished. Some who were drunkards, are reputable members of the society. A great change has taken place within the last year.

Juvenile Society, 119 members; 63 males, 53 females, between 10

and 16 years of age.

North Madison, ———, President; James H. Benton, Secretary. 75 members. Increase 11.

Middlebury, 63 members—no increase.

Milford, Nathan Nettleton, President; Allen C. Bull, Secretary. 276 members. Increase 89.

North Branford, 186 members. Increase 79.

North Guilford, B. Baldwin, President; T. R. Bray, Secretary. 145 members. Increase 32.

North Milford, Samuel Potter, President; Nathan Clark, Secretary.

119 members. Increase 68.

Meriden, Elisha A. Cowles, President; Fenner Bush, Secretary.—237 members. This society was organized in 1830, but has had no meeting from the first, until recently, it has been re-organized with a good spirit. Increase 50 in the last month, The Temperance reform here, however, has been considerable. Ardent spirit is entirely excluded from 13 factories and workshops, employing 210 hands; among these, is an auger factory and casting establishment. A new Congregational meeting-house has been entirely on Temperance principles.—

Of four stores, all sell the poison but one. Some professors of religion

much hinder the work on their way to judgment.

North-Haven, Dr. J. Foote, President; Dr. Bronson, Secretary.—354 members. Increase 169. The cause prospers more in this than in any town in the County, and the promoters feel a blessed reward for their activity.

Northford, Eli Smith, President; Marcus Lindsley, Secretary. 135

members. Increase 63.

Oxford, 58 members. Increase 15. Prospect, 106 members. Increase 3.

Salem Bridge, 25 members—no increase reported.

South Britain, 41 members—no increase reported.

Southbury, 126 members.

Wallingford, — Cannon, President; Caleb Cook, Secretary.—

140 members. 59 increase.

Waterbury, Bennet Bronson, President; Israel Coe, Secretary. 393 members. Increase 59. The Temperance cause has done great good in this place.

West-Haven, N. Kimberly, President; S. Johnson, Secretary. 120

members. Increase 55.

Woodbury, (Amity,) 116 members. Increase 64.

Bethany, no report.

Durham, W. Wadsworth, President; J. Chedsey, Secretary. 180 members.

From these reports from the County Societies, it appears that there are 208 temperance societies in Connecticut, and nearly one in every parish or school Society, embodying 42,298 of the inhabitants of the State, who have given their pledge that they will neither distil, vend or use distilled liquors, nor give them to others, and that they will in all suitable ways, discountenance the use of them in the community. 12 new Societies have been formed since the last anniversary, and more than

12,000 new names been added to the constitution.

It is peculiarly gratifying, says Mr. Frost, in a letter to the Committee, to witness the minds of our intelligent citizens gradually opening and cheerfully receiving those principles which, at the commencement of the Temperance reformation, were boldly denied by some, and by others, more modest, deemed problematical. The claim that ardent spirit is necessary for persons in health, scarcely finds an advocate among those I have addressed the last year. Necessity has been the cradle in which men have rocked themselves into the most profound slumbers. Yet these slumbers have been effectually broken. And I am satisfied that the temperance cause is making permanent and rapid advances in Connecticut. Temperance meetings are much better attended than they were one year ago. The cause engages more directly and distinctly the prayers of its friends. A greater proportion of those who have joined this year are professors of religion, than in former years. And the early jealousies entertained by some that the Temperance movement was politically and religiously sectarian, have

in a good degree been dissipated. And from close observation, during a period of between five and six months in which I have been specially employed in the service of the Committee the past year, I feel that we

have reason to thank God and take courage.

Your Committee will not remark upon the almost universal complaint concerning professors of religion as an hindrance to this work of reform. They will rather drop a tear over this astonishing apathy and hostility in men enlisted, solemnly enlisted, to every good work, and would record it only as the Holy Spirit records the failings and sins of ancient believers, that may be humbled at the power of indwelling cor-

ruption, and admire the more the saving grace of God.

A large body of respectable merchants in the State, have now abandoned the traffic in ardent spirits, and your Committee look forward with sanguine expectations to the speedy downfall of this unholy business. The general unwillingness of venders to read and hear and come to the light, shews that there is an awful distrust of it in their own bosoms, as right in the sight of God. "Disguise it as they will," said Chancellor Walworth, "it is a TRAFFIC in the SOULS and BODIES of MEN." Such a traffic cannot be sustained in the land of the pilgrims, nor we trust long in the civilized world.

A great power on this subject lies at the present time with the military officers of the State; and your Committee hope that the opinions of the Secretary of War, and of the Major General of the United States Army will induce them and all who are called into the field to relinquish all treats, and all use of spirits on military days, as unworthy of the sol-

dier.

Your Committee would offer a few words on the subject of expenditures for the objects of the Society. The State Temperance Society of New-York, have done great things in that State for the cause. have in the last year, printed 10,000 copies of the annual report; 350,-000 circulars; 100,000 family temperance constitutions; circulated thousands of temperance papers and tracts, and supported numerous agents. And how have they been enabled to do all this? By generous contributions from the friends of the cause. But in Connecticut very little has been contributed. Our agent has been tolerably sustained for a part of two years. And one report has been printed. And American Temperance Society has received a few handsome donations from some individuals residing in the State. Beyond this little has been done. The officers of the various Societies have been checked in their operations for want of funds.\* An early objection was made in the Societies for asking contributions from the fact that the enemies of the cause were continually predicting that heavy taxes would soon be

<sup>\*</sup> The Secretary considers it due to the cause to state, (as it has been widely circulated by evil-minded persons, that he has had 1,000 dollars annually for his services,) that he has never received a cent for all he has done as Secretary of the Society. What he has done he has done cheerfully, without compensation. Had he had the means at his disposal, he could and would have promoted the cause much more than he has been able to.

laid upon all who joined them. But they should no longer be regard-It is the duty of men to contribute their money to whatever object is useful, and what cause is more useful than the Temperance? can men find higher interest for their money? "Facts justify the belief," says the last report of the American Temperance Society, " that if 100 men give 100 dollars annually, to promote the cause, they may be instrumental in annually saving 10,000 lives, and 10 millions of dollars, and may exert an influence in the highest degree salutary to the social, civil and religious interests of men, which shall be felt in its effects to all future generations, and shall tell in accents of glory upon the destinies of millions to eternity." But it will be said New-York is a rich and enterprising State, and can afford to do great things. all her expenditure in this cause the last year, did not exceed 4,500 dollars; not a large sum even for us. For if each of the male members of our temperance Societies, have saved to himself annually, five dollars, and may have saved by the reformation 20, there has been saved by it to them annually the sum of 100,000 dollars. It is hoped that there will be throughout our State, a spirit of greater liberality in the support of agents and circulation of tracts, reports and papers. Could Mr. Frost be sustained constantly in his work, and the National Circular be put into every family, and the Fourth Report of the American Temperance Society, into every district, and Temperance newspapers be freely circulated, it is believed the cause would rapidly advance.

And why should it not advance? Is it not the cause of humanity and salvation. Much, very much, has been accomplished, but much, very much remains to be done. The Committee recommend activity here to every charitable association of the day, for what charitable association is not favored by it; to every patriot, for what like this will promote the prosperity and happiness of the country; to every parent, for it will save his children from the greatest danger; to every Christian, for it removes one of the greatest obstructions to the spread of the Gospel, and prepares the way of the Lord. All come, young and old, rich and poor, male and female, and give your pledge, that you will touch not, taste not, handle not that which now destroys millions for both worlds. May Connecticut soon go free and the world be saved from the abo-

mination of Intemperance.

All which is respectfully submitted.

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